

**REMARKS**

A petition for a one month extension of time is submitted herewith. Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found at page 26, lines 13-18.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112**

Examiner has rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. 112 "because the claims do not require that the silver be bound specifically to the monomer of Formula I". Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite "said silver reversibly binds to said monomer". Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103**

Examiner has rejected

Claims 1-4 and 10-17 as being unpatentable in view of JP 05-269,181, (JP 181), EP 1,050,314 (EP '314), US 5,998,498 (Vanderlaan) and US 3,929,741 (Laskey);

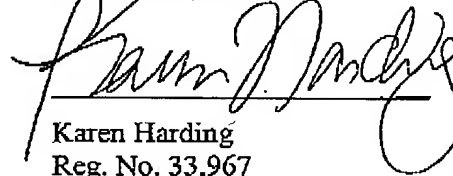
Claims 1, 2, 4, -11 and 14-17 as being unpatentable in view of JP 181, EP '314, (Vanderlaan); and

Claims 1-17 under as being unpatentable in view of JP 181, EP '314, Vanderlaan, in further view of Mueller (US 5,011,275) or Rostoker (US 4,038,264)

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendment has traversed the rejections based upon 35 U.S.C. 103. None of the references cited disclose or suggest that the monomers of Formula I, when polymerized into a contact lens formulation, could reversibly bind silver.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments and remarks traverse the Examiner's rejections with respect to claims 1-24. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (904) 443-3074 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

Respectfully submitted,



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